

# Lead Screening Medicaid Payment Guidelines

Vermont's Health Screening Recommendations for Children & Adolescents (EPSDT Periodicity Schedule) require lead screening for 1 year olds and 2 year olds. Preferably, lead screening should be performed within the context of a routine EPSDT health supervision visit. **Medicaid does not bundle lead screening as part of the preventive medicine service.**

In addition to the CPT Code for a routine EPSDT "Preventive Medicine Service" visit (CPT Codes 99380's and 99390's), the following components of the lead screening procedure performed in the primary care setting can be billed:

Code	Description of Services
CPT Code 36415	for venipuncture
CPT Code 36416	for finger stick
CPT Code 83655	(For CLIA-certified Laboratories) Pathology and Laboratory Lead Chemistry (this code includes the technical analysis)

If justified by an identified problem (e.g. elevated blood level), one of the following codes is allowable for a follow-up visit:

CPT Code 99401 (15 mins)	Preventive medicine counseling
CPT Code 99402 (30 mins)	
CPT Code 99403 (45 mins)	
CPT Code 99404 (60 mins)	
CPT Code 99420	Administration and interpretation of health risk assessment
CPT Codes 99201-99205 or CPT Codes 99211-99215	Evaluation and management visit

Blood lead sample collection supplies and analysis of specimens at the Vermont Department of Health laboratory are currently available at no charge to the provider. Please note that providers are responsible for costs associated with shipping specimens to the lab.

Questions about this billing policy should be directed to Provider Services at EDS, 800-925-1706 or in Chittenden county 878-7871. For questions about lead screening testing recommendations, call the Department of Health at 800-439-8550.